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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1893.

SIX DOLLARS PER QUARTER

Banks.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.
AUTHORISED CAPITAL £1,000,000
SUBSCRIBED £1,185,000

BANKERS:
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS at the Rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—
For 12 Months 4 per cent.
" 6 " 3 " "
" 3 " 2 " "

JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1893. [192]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.
Authorized Capital £1,000,000
Subscribed Capital £500,000

HEAD OFFICE:—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:—
D. Gillies, Esq. Chow Tung Shang, Esq.
Chan Kit Shan, Esq. Kwan Hoi Chuen, Esq.
H. Stollerfoth, Esq.

Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Branches:—London, Yokohama, Shanghai and Amoy.

BANKERS:—
The Commercial Bank of Scotland.
Parrs Banking Co., and The Alliance Bank (Ld.)

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.
Hongkong, 16th November, 1893. [8]

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL £1,000,000
CAPITAL PAID-UP £250,000

BANKERS:
CAPITAL & COUNTING BANK, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE:
No. 3, PRINCE'S STREET, LONDON.

BRANCHES:
BOMBAY, CALCUTTA, HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI.

AGENCIES:
PENANG, SINGAPORE AND YOKOHAMA.

RATES OF INTEREST.
ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS and Fixed Deposits can be ascertained on application.
Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

CHANTREY INCHBALD,
Manager.
Hongkong, 6th November, 1893. [187]

Amusements.

THE COMING SENSATION.

D'ARC'S
WORLD-FAMED MARIONETTES,
FANTOCES FRANCAISES,
WILL OPEN
TO-MORROW
(FRIDAY EVENING), December 29th,
In their Spectacular Erected
BIJOU THEATRE
At WEST POINT (opposite Sailors' Home)
Substantially Built—illuminated by Gas—
First Class Floor Capacity—Private
Boxes—Gaily Decorated, &c., &c.

GRAND OPENING PROGRAMME.

THE MARVELLOUS FANTOCINI,
THE CELEBRATED COURT MINSTRELS,
POPULAR SONGS AND SOLO,
SAND AND BIG BOOT DANCERS,
PUNCH AND ALLY SLOPER,
THE AQUARIUM AND THE WONDERS
OF THE SEA.

THE GRAND CHRISTMAS Pantomime,
"BLUE BEARD."
Topical Songs and Grand Choruses,
Grand Scenic Effects,
Beautiful Fairy Ballets,
Lovely Dances,
Brilliant Light Effects,
GRAND FAIRY BALLET,
REAL OLD ENGLISH HARLEQUINADE,
GORGEOUS TRANSFORMATION,
THE FAIRY'S DELL
HOME OF THE SILVER SWAN.

DON'T FAIL TO WITNESS
The Most Marvellous Show
Ever Presented before the Hongkong Public.

PRICES OF ADMISSION.
Priv. to Boxes per seat £2.00
Stalls reserved £1.50
Gallery £0.50

Children and Non-Commissioned Officers of
Her Majesty's Army and Navy, Half-price to all parts.

Plan Open on THURSDAY at Kelly & Walsh's.
Doors Open Nightly at 8.30. Commencing
at 9. Performance concludes at 11.

SATURDAY NIGHT at 3 P.M.
MONDAY NEXT, (New Year Day) at 3 P.M.
A GRAND MATINEE
will be given.
The Afternoon Performances are equal in
every respect to those given in the evening.

E. C. CLITHEROW,
Manager.
Hongkong, 27th December, 1893. [195]

Insurances.

THE STANDARD ENDOWMENT ASSURANCE.

1. AMONG THE MANY ADVANTAGES of this form of Assurance, the following may be mentioned:—
(a)—It secures an immediate Provision for wife and family or other relatives in event of early death.
(b)—It provides a Fund for Retirement.
(c)—It supplies an excellent investment for the regular accumulation of small fixed sums of money.
(d)—The Surrender and loan values are larger than under ordinary Policies.

2. AFTER THE POLICY HAS BEEN THREE YEARS IN FORCE—should the Policy-holder wish to discontinue future payments—he will be entitled to receive, on application, a FREE PAID-UP POLICY for a proportionate amount of the Sum Assured, as explained in the Prospectus.

Full particulars on application,
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents,
STANDARD LIFE OFFICE.
Hongkong, 8th August, 1893. [747]

SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW ZEALAND.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept FIRE and MARINE INSURANCES on favourable terms.
Current rates, and a guaranteed Bonus equal to that paid by the local Offices.
S. J. DAVID & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 1st November, 1893. [415]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED £1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.
Hongkong, 24th November, 1893. [173]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000 \$833,333.33
EQUAL TO
RESERVE FUND \$318,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
LEE SING, Esq. LO YUEK MOON, Esq.
LOU TSO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER.—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the World.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.
Hongkong, 17th December, 1893. [974]

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION
OF
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, COTTAGE
PIANOS.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION,
ON
SATURDAY, the 30th December, 1893,
commencing at 2.30 P.M.
at his SALES ROOMS, DUNDALL STREET,
(For Sunday Accounts.)
A QUANTITY OF
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE
Comprising:—
DRAWING-ROOM SUITE IN SILK
TAPESTRY and PLUSH, MARINBURK
UPHOLSTERED and DRAWING-ROOM
CHAIR, MARBLE TOP and FANCY TABLES,
OVERMANTELS, CHIFFONIER, PEN-
DERS, IRONS, PICTURES, ORNAMENTS,
CURTAINS, RUGS, CARPETS, &c.
ONE COTTAGE PIANO of W. ROBINSON
& Co. in good condition.
ONE COTTAGE PIANO by ERARD in good
condition.
EXTENSION DINING TABLE & CHAIRS,
SIDEBOARDS with MIRROR BACK, DIN-
ING WAGONS, DINNER and DESSERT
SERVICES, ELECTRO PLATED & GLASS
WARE, &c., &c.
SINGLE and DOUBLE IRON BED-
STEADS, &c., &c.
SINGLE and DOUBLE WARDROBES,
PLAIN and with GLASS DOORS, MARBLE
TOP WASHSTANDS and SETS, DRESSING
TABLES, BED-ROOM SUITE, BATH-ROOM
REQUISITES,
&c., &c., &c.

Catalogues issued prior to Sale.
On View from Friday, the 29th instant.
TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

GEO. F. LAMBERT,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 27th December, 1893. [1406]

CAPTAIN CH. ROBINSON,
COAL CONTRACTOR,
COMPRADORE, and STEVEDORE.
SHIPS VISITING MANILA SUPPLIED
WITH PROVISIONS, DUNNAGE, &c.
WATERBURY & LLOYD, MANAGERS.
Manila, 19th March 1893. [139]

Intimations.

W. BREWER.
HAS JUST OPENED
A FINE Collection of New Fancy Goods in PLUSH, HAND-PAINTED SILK, RUSSIA
and other fine Leather Goods.
Handsome Boxed American Christmas Cards. Autograph Christmas Cards very pretty & cheap.
TOM SMITH'S CRACKERS.
Great variety of Children's Books for Christmas. All the Annual Volumes for Boys and Girls.
Handsomely bound Books for presents. New Framed Pictures.
STYLOGRAPHIC PENS.
DANCING PUMPS, LADIES SHOES. TENNIS RATS, SHOES, BALLS.
New French Novels. Christmas Nos. of Graphic Illustrated,
"FEARS," "BLACK and WHITE," "QUEEN."

W. BREWER,
UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL,
QUEEN'S ROAD.
Hongkong, 12th December, 1893. [659]

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

NEW TOBACCOS.

SMITH'S Bright Cut Navy.
do. Flaked Gold Leaf.
do. Glasgow Mixture.
do. Calcutta Mixture.

WILLS' "Captain" Navy Cut.
do. Bird's Eye.
do. Westward Ho! Mixture.
do. Golden Flake.
do. Traveller's Golden Flake.

LA PERLA DEL ORIENTE
CIGARS.
PIPES AND TOBACCONISTS' SUNDRIES.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.
Hongkong, 2nd December, 1893. [1357]

KELLY & WALSH, LD.

NOW READY.....PRICE, ONE DOLLAR.
FOOLSCAP SIZE, THREE DAYS TO A PAGE, INTER-LEAVED WITH
BLOTTING PAPER
THE IMPERIAL
ENGLISH AND CHINESE DIARY
FOR
1894,
with the Dates in ENGLISH and CHINESE, and Special localised information.

ALSO
THE IMPERIAL
ENGLISH AND CHINESE DATE-BLOCK.
Printed in RED and BLACK, with space for Memoranda.
PRICE.....75 CENTS.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED,
PUBLISHERS.
Hongkong, 28th November, 1893. [7]

W. POWELL & CO.,

TREMENDOUS SHOW OF
CHRISTMAS NOVELTIES.
EVERYTHING SUITABLE FOR A PRESENT TO A LADY.
EVERYTHING SUITABLE FOR A PRESENT TO A GENTLEMAN.
EVERYTHING SUITABLE FOR A PRESENT TO A CHILD.
TOYS! TOYS!! TOYS!!!
IMMENSE VARIETY.
ALL NEW GOODS.

W. POWELL & CO.
Hongkong, 9th December, 1893. [6]

HONGKONG HOTEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "Kremlin"—A. B. C. Code.—TELEPHONE, No. 31.

PROPRIETORS.....THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL—the most commodious and best appointed Hotel in the Far East,
affords unequalled accommodation to travellers and others. It is situated in the centre of
the town, opposite the General Post Office and the Hongkong Club, adjacent to Pedder's Wharf
(the principal landing stage of the Colony) and in close proximity to the Banks and Shipping
Offices.

THE HOTEL STEAM LAUNCH conveys passengers and baggage to and from all Mail Steamers.
THE TABLE D'HOIE, at separate tables, is supplied with every delicacy, the cuisine being
under experienced supervision.

THE BED-ROOMS, with adjoining Bath-rooms, are lofty and well ventilated, open on to
spacious Verandahs, are lighted by gas and fitted throughout with electric communications.
The Reading, Writing and Smoking Rooms, Ladies' Drawing Rooms, the new, Bar and public
BILLIARD ROOMS (Six English and American Tables) are fitted with every convenience.
THE WINES & SPIRITS are selected by an Expert and the BEST BRANDS only are supplied.
HYDRAULIC ASCENDING ROOMS of the latest and most approved type convey passengers
and baggage from the Entrance Hall to each of the five floors above.

NIGHT PORTERS and WATCHMEN are continually on duty.

B. TUCKER
Manager.
Hongkong, 17th November, 1893. [194]

DAWSON'S PERFECTION

OLD SCOTCH WHISKY.

ALLISTON & CO., SOLE AGENTS, Hongkong and the Far East,
68, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, 11th December, 1893. [1346]

CARMICHAEL & Co. LD

ARE now showing a very Fine Selection of CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR CARDS,
CABDURY'S CHOCOLATE CREMES, CALFARD and HORSER'S BUTTER,
SCOTCH, SWEDEN TOFFEE, RUSSIAN TOFFEE and ALMOND ROCK, TOM
SMITH'S CRACKERS, ALBUMS, suitable for Christmas presents, and a very large
Selection of PHOTO FRAMES.

CANADIAN PRODUCE.
MCLAREN'S GLASS JAR CHEESE
SALMON SALMON 250 cents per lb.
SALMON-BELLIES 250 cents per lb.
SALMON-STEAKS (4th and 5th) 150 cents per lb.

Hongkong, 19th November, 1893. [140]

Intimations.

CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION,
No. 51.

NOTICE is hereby given that MONDAY
next, the 1st January, 1894, will be
observed as HOLIDAY at the Kowloon Customs
Office.

Work at the Opium Examination Halls and
Customs Stations will proceed as usual.

H. E. HOBSON,
Commissioner of Customs
for Kowloon & District.

Custom House,
Kowloon, 27th December, 1893. [1384]

THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL
TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

TENDERS will be received at the Com-
pany's Office, 38 and 40, Queen's Road
Central, until NOON on SATURDAY, the 30th
instant, for the RENTING for a term of Years
of all the ADVERTISING SPACE at the
Company's Stations (except that reserved for the
Company's own use) subject to the said Space
being used for Advertisements only which are
in good taste and have received the approval of
the General Managers. No Advertisements will
be allowed along the line of rail.
The Company does not bind itself to accept
the highest or any tender.

The previous notice is hereby withdrawn.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 20th December, 1893. [1372]

THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL
TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE BUFFET and the LADIES' WAIT-
ING ROOMS adjoining, will be OPEN
to the PUBLIC in a few days.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 13th December, 1893. [1350]

NOTICE.

A YOUNG MAN is desirous of obtaining a
SITUATION in a Commercial House
as CORRESPONDENT or ACCOUNTANT;
GERMAN, FRENCH and ENGLISH spoken.

Address
A. ERNST,
c/o Hongkong Telegraph Office.
Hongkong, 27th December, 1893. [1407]

PROFESSIONAL NOTICE.

I HAVE this day Resumed my Hongkong
DENTAL PRACTICE.
DENTON E. PETERSON, D.D.S.
6, Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong, 27th December, 1893. [1408]

THE PHARMACY,

25, QUEEN'S ROAD.

MESSRS. FLETCHER & Co. beg to
inform the Residents of Hongkong and
the Shipping Community, that they have now
OPENED at the above address. The Store is
managed by a thoroughly competent Chemist
who takes every care that all DRUGS and
CHEMICALS used in the compounding of pre-
scriptions are PURE and FRESH.

FLETCHER & Co. have on hand a good
selection of Druggists' Sundries and Patent
Medicines.

Telephone No. 74.

FLETCHER & Co.
Hongkong, 23rd September, 1893. [1044]

STEAM-LAUNCH COMPANY, LIMITED,
IN LIQUIDATION.

THE Property of this COMPANY, consisting
of the STEAM-LAUNCHES:
"PERSEVERANCE,"
"PRUDENCE,"
"PROSPERITY,"
"PUNCTUALITY,"
"BONNIE,"

Is for SALE, and TENDERS are invited for
the whole as a going concern, or for any part
thereof.

PARTICULARS and SPECIFICATIONS
will be sent upon application.

ALL TENDERS, which have been forwarded
to the UNDERSIGNED, will be opened on
WEDNESDAY, January 3rd, 1894.

THE LIQUIDATOR does not bind himself
to accept the HIGHEST or ANY TENDER.

J. W. NOBLE,
Liquidator.
No. 2, Pedder's Street,
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1893. [1393]

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents for the
KONINKRIJKE PAKETVAART
MAATSCHAPPIJ
are prepared to grant through Bills of Lading to
Ports of Java, Sumatra (East and West Coast),
Celebes, Timor, Banda Islands, Dutch New
Guinea, &c., &c. Bills of Lading for through
Cargo from these Ports to be presented to the
Undersigned for countersignature.

LAUTS, WEGENER & Co.
Hongkong, 19th November, 1893. [1289]

EAST POINT DAIRY AND FARMING
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM the 15th instant and until further
notice the PRICES for the COMPANY'S
PRODUCE will be as follows:—

FRESH MILK 1 Imperial Pint Bottle,
6 Cents.
FRESH MILK Ordinary Pint Bottle,
8 Cents.
FRESH BUTTER Per Pail, 25 Cents.
SPECIAL TERMS for yearly or half-yearly
contracts.

A. RUMJAHN,
Secretary & Manager.
41, Queen's Road,
Hongkong, 12th December, 1893. [1357]

NGAI SHANG,
23, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST.

RATTAN FURNITURE
of Every Description:
CHAIRS, COUCHES, TABLES, BASKETS,
CHILDREN'S COTS, &c., &c.
Largest Factory, Best Workmanship.
Rattan Cots, Split Rattan, Canton Reed, and
Sundries of all kinds.
Hongkong, 27th November, 1893. [1395]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

DOUGLAS STEAM-SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, TAIWANFOO AND TAKOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"THALES."

Captain Bathurst, will be despatched for the
above Ports TO-MORROW, the 29th instant, at
Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 27th December, 1893. [1402]

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

"CATHERINE APCAR."

Captain J. G. O'Brien, will be despatched for the
above Ports TO-MORROW, the 29th instant, at
Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 28th December, 1893. [1397]

**EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAM-
SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.**

FOR KOBE (DIRECT).

THE Steamship

"GUTHRIE."

Captain Helms, will be despatched for the
above Port on SUNDAY, the 31st instant, at
Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 27th December, 1893. [1403]

**EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAM-
SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.**

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.
(Calling at MACAO, PORT DARWIN and QUEEN-
SLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to
ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND,
TASMANIA, &c.)

THE Steamship

"AIRLIE."

Captain Ellis, will be despatched for the above
Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 3rd January, at
Daylight.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted
for Passengers, and has large Cooling Cham-
bers, thus ensuring a supply of Fresh Meat,
Ice, &c., throughout the voyage. A duly qual-
ified Surgeon is carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 27th December, 1893. [1404]

"WARRACK" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"LENNOX."

Captain Ward, will be despatched for the above
Ports on or about 4th proximo.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 20th December, 1893. [1232]

SAILING VESSELS.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE 100 A. I. British Ship

"MACMILLAN."

Guthrie, Master, will load here for the above
Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN & Co.
Hongkong, 1st December, 1893. [1308]

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 100 A. I. British Ship

"BANGALORE."

Cotton, Master, will load here for the above
Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN & Co.
Hongkong, 8th December, 1893. [1340]

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3 1/2 L. I. American Ship

"KENILWORTH."

Baker, Master, now at Shanghai, will load here
for the above Port, and will have quick
despatch.

For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN & Co.
Hongkong, 5th December, 1893. [1324]

Consignees.

**OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAM-
SHIP COMPANY.**

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of CARGO per Steamship
"BELGIC."

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees
of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their
Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take
immediate delivery of their Goods from along-
side.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel
will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk
and expense.

J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.
Hongkong, 27th December, 1893. [13]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"CATHERINE APCAR"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees
of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods
will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining
on board after WEDNESDAY, the 27th inst.,
at Noon, will be landed at Consignees' risk
and expense into the Godowns of the Winchell
Warehouse and Storage Company, Limited,
Wharf.

No Bill of Lading will be affixed.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 27th December, 1893. [1396]

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & COMPANY, LIMITED.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY, HONGKONG.
CONFECTIONERY, &c.

WE have just received our New Stock of CONFECTIONERY and are offering the same at prices suitable for the present bad times.

CHOCOLATE CREMES.
PATES D'APRICOT.
CHOCOLATE ALMONDS.
FANCY BOXES OF SWEETS of various kinds from 2 Dollars to 25 Cents.
SUGARED ALMONDS.
BURNED ALMONDS.
MIXED SWEETS.
TOM SMITH'S CRACKERS.CIGARETTE CASES, CIGAR CASES, CARD CASES.
In SILVER, ELECTRO, SNAKE SKIN, RUSSIAN LEATHER, &c.
CIGAR & CIGARETTE HOLDERS, PIPES.
Hongkong, 13th November, 1893. 1394

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

WE INVITE ATTENTION TO OUR STOCKS

CONFECTIONERY
AND
CHRISTMAS GOODS.

JORDAN ALMONDS, NOUGAT, BUTTER

SCOTCH, ASSORTED TOFFEES,
DRAGEES, PRALINES,
and a large selection

of

PURE CONFECTIONERY
from the leading Manufacturers.CADBURY'S SPECIAL
CHOCOLATE CREMES.PINE, APRICOT, CHERRY, LIME, GUAVA,
and other
FRUIT JELLIES
in great variety.TOM SMITH'S
CHRISTMAS CRACKERS.COLOURED OPALS
MOUNTED IN FLUSH,
representing favourite subjects.A Large Assortment of
ENGLISH AND JAPANESE CHRISTMAS
CARDS.of handsome and artistic designs, suitable to all
tastes and at moderate prices.A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED,
The Hongkong Dispensary.
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.
Hongkong, 3rd November, 1893.DEATH.
On the 10th Nov., at No. 91, Crown-street, Aberdeen, ALEXANDER FRATER, M.A., barrister-at-law, and H.B.M.'s Consul, late of Hankow, China.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1893.

TELEGRAMS.

MATABELELAND.
LONDON, December 26th, 1893.
Mr. Cecil Rhodes has telegraphed that the Matabeles have been entirely subdued.FACION FIGHTS.
Serious religious conflicts have taken place between Maronites and Armenians at Zuzat. Several Armenians were injured.RIOTING IN SICILY.
Riots have occurred in Sicily against local taxation. The mob attacked the barracks at Calanissetta and fired the Town Hall, Post Office, and other public buildings.
In a conflict between the troops and the people at Lercara several of the rioters were shot.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE *Legat* goes in to the Comptroller's Dock tomorrow, and the *Deuterio* into Kowloon Dock.

The Admiralty have appointed Dr. T. H. Knott to be Deputy Inspector-General of Hongkong Naval Hospital.

The annual sports of the Taikeo Athletic Club will be held at Quarry Bay on New Year's Day, commencing at 1.30 p.m.

MR. HORROPP, deputy superintendent of police, is booked to arrive in Hongkong (from leave) by the coming P. & O. mail.

OWNERS of Derby candidates are reminded that the nominations for that classic event close with the Clerk of the Course on the 30th inst.

MR. PAYS, recently agent in Calcutta for the Bank of China, Japan and the Straits, has been appointed Chief Manager of the Bank in London.

THE *Free Press* reports that fifteen hundred ounces of gold, of the value of £50,000, arrived at Singapore from the Puy-mine mines on the 15th inst.

We regret to have to record the death of Lady Brown, wife of an ex-Governor of this colony, which occurred in London from acute bronchitis on the 13th inst.

We note that Mr. T. Serravallo Smith, B.A., London University, and Assistant Registrar General of this colony, was called to the Bar on November 17th.

SHARES in a Cooljerie (Western Australia) gold mining venture, which were recently bought for fifty shillings, are now selling at one hundred and forty-three pounds.

THE Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s royal mail steamer *Empress of China* arrived at Kobe at 9.30 a.m. yesterday and left again for this port at 10 p.m. the same day.THE P. & O. Co.'s steamer *Volusia*, which left London on November 23rd, has on board £174,150 in silver for China and Japan, and £65,500 in Mexican dollars for Panama.

MESSRS. Ricco & Co., provision dealers, &c., Queen's Road, have issued to their patrons for 1894 a new and most attractive and useful calendar, in charming designs, in both English and French.

On arrival at Singapore from Swatow on the 20th inst., Capt. Moore of the *Viper*, reported that the derelict German barque *Karl Friedrich* had been picked up by the German barque *Georgina*.The new Governor of Singapore, Sir Charles Mitchell, is expected to arrive at the M. S. steamer *Sydney*, leaving Marseilles on January 7th. It is strange how persistently all the Governors of British Colonies boycott British ships!

It has been suggested that the Shanghai Municipal Council should present or sell Jubilee medals to residents who have been in China thirty years. I can "believe" to be the bottom of the business? If so his case is indeed a sad one.

The section of the Opium Commission deputed to collect evidence in Burma arrived at Rangoon from Calcutta on the 10th inst. The party consists of Sir Jas. Lyle, Sir Wm. Roberts, Mr. Arthur Pease, and Mr. Alexander, Secretary to the Anti-Opium League.

THE *Singapore Free Press* reports that on the 20th inst. the 48th inst. a very large four-masted ship with double topmasts on the fore, main and mizzen and single on the after mast, with royal, passed between Swatow in the Way and the Sumatra coast, and states that the vessel was probably the German ship *H. Bittorf* Captain Schwaning, from Kobe and bound to New York.

In a fire which occurred outside the Little South Gate of Shanghai on the 19th inst. two children, a girl and a boy, were burnt to death. Twenty houses in all were destroyed, and a great deal of loose property is reported to have been carried off by the thieves who looted the scenes of fires whether in the native City or foreign Settlements, and are apparently as well able to elude the foreign police as the native yamen-runners.

ALAS! Alas! Misfortunes never come singly. Only a day two ago our stable-yard rooster, that crowed up at 4 o'clock every morning for the past five years, breathed his very last, and now one of our printers' "devils," a promising young fellow of 29 summers, is at his last gasp. He ate aiffin on Christmas Day that had been wrapped up in an issue of our evening contemporary, so no wonder "he's in the stygian now." But it's hard lines all the same.

THE *Japan Mail* of the 16th inst. reports as follows:—The *Yola R. Robinson*, while leaving Hakodate this week for San Francisco, sulphur laden, got ashore on Mussel Point, opposite Hakodate Head. There are several miles of sand in the vicinity, and it was hoped that the ship was on a soft place and would be got off, but a telegram was received here yesterday announcing that the ship had been abandoned, her cargo being under water. This would lead to the supposition that she had got upon a reef in the neighbourhood of the point.

THERE was an alarm of fire last night, and the brigade was "rung out," without any necessity, as it happened. A bundle of shavings caught fire mysteriously in a carpenter's shop at No. 150, Queen's Road Central; but the policeman on duty went up and put his foot on the blaze, and smothered it in one act. It is rumoured that several persons are missing, and are supposed to have been likewise blighted out by the same awful extinguisher; but up to the time of going to press we have been unable to verify the report.

On the 17th inst. while on her last voyage hence to Shanghai the steamer *Kaifong*, Capt. Sutherland, sighted a capsized junk to which four men and a boy were clinging. A boat was lowered and the castaways transferred to the steamer where they received attention and were taken on to Shanghai. The men stated they had been in the water some six hours, and that one of their number had been drowned when the junk capsized. It is stated that there were lots of other junk about, but no effort was made to rescue the unfortunate men from the perilous position, in which the *Kaifong* found them.

With reference to the proposed visit of a fishing team from Shanghai and Japan should an eleven come from there early in February, Mr. E. A. Ram, Hon. Secretary to the Hongkong Cricket Club, has written to Shanghai as follows: "I need not say what a pleasure it will be to us to see you here as our guests and we should hope to be able to give you some good cricket. I do not know how the time suggested will suit you, but I mention it as it coincides more or less with China New Year, always a slack time with us (from a business point of view), and also because I would give a chance to any of your men who wished to do so of staying on for the races."

LAST night at the meeting of the Zealand Lodge Bro. J. B. Scott was installed as Worshipful Master of the Lodge for the ensuing year by Rt. Wm. B. C. Chatter, District Grand Master, who was attended by the District Grand Lodge Officers. The Worshipful Master afterwards appointed and invested his Officers as follows:—
J.W. Bro. G. A. Caldwell.
J.D. J. R. Crook.
Chaplain George Percy, Jr.
Treasurer R. Mitchell.
Secretary J. Dyer Ball.
Organist J. Murphy.
S.D. D. Macdonald.
J.D. G. von Wille.
I.G. G. A. Blackland.
D.C. J. W. Kew.
Steward J. Maxwell.
Tyler J. Maxwell.
On the closing of the Lodge the Brethren adjourned to a banquet at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed.

THERE appears to be no limit in this realm of the blent either to the obligations of native coal merchants or the value they place on their "black diamonds." The other day ordinary Japanese lump coal was selling like hot cakes at \$6 and \$6.25 per ton, and now \$7 to \$8 is being asked for the same quality of this indispensable commodity, while a scarcity of this commodity renders the prospects of a drop in quotations about as remote as Doomday.

It is reported that the Governor of Formosa has decided to construct a road between Kelung and Hubei (Famul) which will be about twenty miles long. It will be a great boon to the inhabitants of the district, as hitherto persons desiring to go from one to the other have been compelled to make the journey in boat or launch, the land route being too mountainous. The work will also be of strategic value and will, says a Shanghai contemporary, be carried out by soldiers.

THE *Kobe Chronicle* of the 19th inst. says:—"We hear that the Japanese have purchased another foreign steamer to be employed on the coast, this being the *Hever*, a German steamer of 888 registered tons. The price paid to have been sold is \$40,000, net, and, though negotiations have been on foot some time, the sale was only completed at Shanghai a few days ago. The *Hever* arrived yesterday morning for the purpose of being surveyed and turned over to her new owners."

THE L. & C. Express of the 24th ult. understands that "The New London Borneo Company will pay an interim dividend very shortly on account of the profits of the 1893 crop. The payment will be distinctly encouraging to those who have believed in Borneo as a tobacco-growing country, as this is the first instance of one of the companies paying a dividend out of the sales of tobacco, and, as it is an interim payment, it seems to indicate further return when the complete accounts of the year are made up."

At the Magistracy to-day, before Mr. H. E. Woodhouse, W. Webb was charged by G. Passantino with assault last Sunday. The parties are engineers employed at the Peak Tramway Station. The evidence showed that some dispute arose as to signalling the tram cars, and as the defendant seemed dangerously aggressive he was accompanied by the experienced Mr. Wylie. Later in the day they met again, and without giving Passantino time to say a word, Webb attacked him savagely, knocking him down and cutting his face open with a blow of the fist. Defendant was fined \$35, and bound over in a similar sum for six months. The money was paid.

At Shanghai on the evening of the 20th inst. the Rt. W.R.D. G.M. of Northern China, E.C., Rt. W. Bro. C. Thorne, installed the officers of the Lodge Comopolitain, in the presence of some eighty members of the craft. At the collation following various Masonic and patriotic toasts were given. The following is the list of officers bearing for 1894:—

R.W.M. Bro. A. Neubourg.
I.P.M. Rt. Wm. C. J. Holland.
D.M. B. A. Clarke.
S.M. H. M. Perkins.
S.W. G. Taylor.
Treasurer G. Nielsen.
Secretary W. Yungson.
S.D. J. W. Mclennan.
J.D. J. Morton.
Dir. Cer. R. Stahlberg.
Chaplain A. Palmquist.
Banner-Bearer W. Paton.
Bible-Bearer G. Froberg.
Stewards G. C. Blethen.
J. G. Bonnerman.
Tyler J. Gould.
Proxy Master: G. Lodge of Scotland, Rt. W. Bro. D. Murray Lyon, Grand Secretary.

COLONIAL COURT OF ADMIRALTY.

(Before Mr. E. F. Aikroyd, Judge.)

December 28th.

THE STRANDING OF THE "HAIPHONG."
The suit between the owners of the Norwegian steamer *Krim* and the Poy-mine steamer *Haiphong* for \$14,000, salvage money and expenses, was continued to-day. As before, Mr. J. Francis, Q.C., was for the plaintiffs and Mr. A. J. Leach, Q.C., for the defendants, and Mr. Hastings acted as naval assessor.The evidence of the captain and officers of the *Krim*, which had been taken *de bene esse*, was read.

Francis said that the only other evidence to be called on the plaintiffs' side was that of Captain Burnie, who had been sent for but was not yet in court.

Mr. Leach said he was quite willing to allow Captain Burnie's evidence to be taken at a later stage, after the case for the defence had been opened.

His lordship:—I notice that witnesses are treated with very great indulgence here—allowed to go and come when they please.

Mr. Francis said that the peculiar circumstances of the community necessitated greater latitude than in other places.

Mr. Leach then addressed the court briefly, stating that the defence was not a denial of any liability at all, but simply that the plaintiffs' claim should be cut down considerably. The *Krim* did not do enough to justify a claim for salvage reward, but only one for work done; it entitled to remuneration *de bene esse* for labour. The *Haiphong* was in a position of complete peril, slight danger, was not disabled in any way nor in imminent peril. The *Krim* certainly did make efforts to assist it, but failed altogether to do any good; she moved the stranded vessel sideways a little, but when the rope broke she slipped back again. Further, the defendants denied liability for the time that the plaintiffs' vessel was detained around, and for expenses resulting therefrom. Defendants also claimed that there was never any need to jettison coal from the *Krim*, as the coal could easily have got off on the next tide with the aid of her anchors. The failure of the *Krim* to accomplish the salvage was due to her using a hawser of too great length, and at too great an angle. Even if she could claim for actual salvage, her efforts were only of a minor nature, in which the Chinese gunboat had a share. Several items the claim was disputed, among them being one of \$500 made by Messrs. Schillman & Co.; agents of the *Krim*, for drawing up the claim.Captain Burnie then entered the witness-box, and on being asked to give particulars as to the value of the *Krim* before the accident, he said:—This question requires special knowledge to answer, and for such technical evidence, fees are prescribed—namely \$20, minimum—\$55, maximum.

His lordship:—What have you to say to that, Mr. Francis?

Mr. Francis:—Now that Captain Burnie is in the witness box he must answer any question put to him.

His lordship:—Yes, the witness has no privilege, and cannot refuse to answer. Witness:—I am entitled to fees for giving expert evidence, or I need not give it.

His lordship:—You must—you are sworn. Witness:—No, I have not been sworn yet as an expert.

His lordship:—You were sworn yesterday as an ordinary witness, and your oath was "touching the matter in question," covering the whole case, not the one day simply.

Mr. Francis:—A witness may abstain from attending, but once he has attended and taken the oath, he must tell all he knows in reply to questions.

Mr. Leach:—I think it is quite the other way—that he must attend but may refuse to speak. There was a case recently—

Mr. Francis:—I object to my learned friend deferring my witness; he has nothing friend-never to do with him.

His lordship:—Well, no doubt any reasonable suggestion will be taken into consideration by the trial-judge.

The witness then agreed to give his technical evidence. The *Krim* was on the 24th March (prior to the accident) he was estimated at £17,000, having allowed £1,000 for depreciation since she was launched, about four years ago. The *Haiphong* had originally been worth about £32,000, but had been ashore on a previous occasion, so that just before the present suit originated she was worth £28,855.

Evidence was then given for the defence. The evidence was not concluded when the court rose, and the case was adjourned until to-morrow.

"PRINCESS TOTO" AT THE THEATRE ROYAL.

In accordance with what has become time-honoured custom Hongkong's very own select and highly talented band of Theatricals have not allowed the festive season of 1893-94 to pass unaccompanied by the brilliant and giving one more of the lavishly entertained and well-conducted so effectively to make Hongkong—and themselves—famous; but it would be ungrateful not to admit that the Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club deserves well at the hands of the community, for performances of the high stamp of excellence which it variably characterizes can only be carried through with an infinite amount of patient drilling by efficient instructors, and self-denial on the part of those instructed. Time and person's convenience have to be sacrificed and it too often happens that the net value of the results of months of strenuous efforts spent; and what in the imaginative mind of the budding amateur was regarded as quite another night by a discerning audience. Hence it follows that when a signal success has been achieved those who worked for its attainment and receive their measure of praise. And this, we make bold to believe, the majority of Tuesday's audience will concur with us in saying is due to the members of the A.D.C. responsible for the production of "Princess Toto."

The opera is the joint work of W. S. Gilbert and F. Clay and was first brought out in London some twenty years ago; but to the majority of those who witnessed the performance on Tuesday last the libretto and the music were new; and it would require this fact anyhow to account for many of the most subtle points being missed, and the piece is not to be taken in the theatre as a whole. Certain it is, though, that there are these some really comical situations which admit of the introduction of an amount of pantomimic gesture that just about saves it from being stupidly dull. The plot is as absurd as it is impossible, and by virtue of its invention its author is stamped as a fool; for only a genius could "fake" a foolery in the way Gilbert has and yet escape the name of fool. Of course, the original dialogue was not followed in the letter; local usage with more or less point in the thickly strewn around and these it must be admitted in the classic diction of the immortal "Brownie" seemed to "give pleasure to all." Mr. C. H. Grace, it is needless to record, was cast for the role of *King Porfiro*, a monarch king-like to look upon but just about as stupid as being so; and *Porfiro* is played as an ultra-sensitive being whose killing dread is that he may be viewed in the true colours by the surrounding nations, *et cetera*, and if it is not his existence they had in his case. However, it takes an actor of ability to act the fool with dignity, in Court dress especially, and Mr. Grace being gifted with an unlimited supply of that essential quality scored a genuine success. As usual his enunciation and vocalization were perfect; indeed the same must be claimed for all the leading members in the cast. As *Zaphira Porfiro*, Prince's Minister, Mr. S. L. Dwyer could be improved upon; likewise could Mr. Blayney's conception of the part of *Trombone*. Mr. E. Osborne were the solemn countenance of *Famili* and with all due respect to the discerning judgment of the committee it may be questioned if his abilities did not entitle him to a more and more suitable part. Mr. Osborne was a good actor as an actor and as usual was better-perfect in his dialogue. The *Princess Toto* was a good acting as a very creditable performance and a distinct advance vocally and histrionically on any other that we have seen him essay. The duets between himself and *Princess Toto* were the gems of the evening. As the effeminate worsted-working *Prince Caramel*, Mr. George Caldwell made a hit, and when he and the equally ridiculous *Count Florin* (Mr. D. K. Sillman) and *Bonnie Trotter* (Mr. F. Lindsay Lloyd) were on the boards together the show was in a continuous state of effervescence.Mr. Chapman denoted the *Beggar's* garb but as a professional he must be written down as a failure. Improvement in this line can only be brought about by constant practice.For her interpretation of the slave-minded *Princess Toto*, Miss E. W. Mitchell won rounds of appreciative applause, as much by her excellent acting as by her tutored rendition of the musical numbers that fell to her lot. Equally charming were her maid of honour, Mrs. Hagen and Miss Lyman, in their respective roles of *Jelly* and *Follitt*.

The string and scenery were of course especial features in the performance, the mounting was magnificent and the dancing perfection. In brief, a prettier or more cleverly arranged show cannot be seen here, if ever, been seen inside the walls of the Theatre Royal. "Princess Toto" will be repeated this evening and again on Saturday. January dates are the 30th, 31st, and 1st; but for all the performance, the best seats are practically filled in advance, and no doubt strong pressure will be brought to induce the A.D.C. to give a few more chances.

AMOY.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

Amoy, December 26th.

The option dispute mentioned in my last has brought two of our most eminent lawyers to Amoy—Mr. Francis, Q.C., and Mr. Leach, Q.C., and the legal duel began on Thursday last, before the British Consul, Mr. Gardner, assisted by Mr. Dwyer and Mr. Chao Tak Kai, as assessors. Mr. Clement interpreted, and Mr.

Willis, a new arrival, was clerk of the court. The case occupied all of Thursday and Friday, and part of Saturday; judgment was given on Monday.

The suit was brought by Laprak Cass & Co., praying for an injunction to restrain Ewe Boon, Ewe Siew & Co. from detaining eight chests of opium, purchased by plaintiffs, or their agents from a man who had since been declared bankrupt. Mr. Leach was for the plaintiffs and Mr. Francis for the defendant.

On the opening of the proceedings, the petition was amended at Mr. Leach's request, so that Chai Tiliu stood as plaintiff instead of Laprak Cass & Co.

Mr. Leach then stated that this was practically a test case, involving the question whether the receipts given by the Customs bonded warehouse are negotiable instruments or not. He claimed that they must be so considered; and quoting extensively from various laws and law-books, he called evidence as to the local trade usage, to show that the receipts were always regarded as negotiable, like bills of exchange or promissory notes.

Mr. Francis, for the defence, argued that as the receipts had been obtained from the defendants, on forty days' credit, by the Kien Moh hong, which had failed before the time was due and had not paid the money, the transaction must be deemed void, and the receipts (which in the meantime) must be valueless. The counter-claim had been made before Ewe Boon & Co. and the Kien Moh, the former to deliver to the latter 8 chests in 40 days, on payment in full; and the Customs-house receipts were handed over only as a guarantee by the vendor. The purchaser, however, sold the receipts to Chai Tiliu for \$5,000; but the papers were not "chopped" by Ewe Boon & Co., but only by the Kien Moh; and therefore, it was argued, Chai Tiliu could only claim from the Kien Moh (now bankrupt) and not from Ewe Boon & Co.; and the Kien Moh, the former to deliver to the latter 8 chests in 40 days, on payment in full; and the Customs-house receipts were handed over only as a guarantee by the vendor. 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munition with the powder magazines, was followed by a terrific explosion. Several persons were killed.

At daybreak the torpedo boats at Villagrande began a fire of grape shot upon the exposed points of Rio and Netherby and kept it up all day. Many were killed. Early in the morning a body of insurgent marines landed at Armacao above Netherby. They were met by troops from Netherby and a battle ensued, lasting an hour.

During the general cannonading four shells burst in the city.

Last night the insurgents seized a coal lighter owned by Wilson & Sons, British subjects. Today the British Admiral compelled the captors to return the coal.

WARSAW, November 26th.
The official organ of Russia in Poland states that although the French press has exaggerated the Pope's share in bringing about the Russo-French entente, yet the entente commands his fullest sympathy, since it may ultimately lead to the restoration of the temporal power of the Papacy.

CRATZ, November 25th.
The remains of Prince Alexander of Battenberg were dispatched by special train to Sofia to-day, accompanied by the Bulgarian deputations sent to escort the body to the Bulgarian capital.

LONDON, November 25th.
It is stated that the Government is about to dissolve the Corps, finding it impossible to continue business as the army's membership.

BERLIN, November 25th.
The newspapers of Nuremberg, the birthplace of Henry Villard, announce that he has decided to settle there permanently.

LENDERS (Austria), November 25th.
Prince Adam Lubomirsky, while hunting in the forests of Premyer, fell dead.

NEW YORK, November 25th.
A Times special dispatch from London says there have been numerous false alarms from the Vatican during the past few years, but this time preparations are being seriously made for the election of a new Pope.

While still able to get about and take part sparingly in public functions, Leo XIII has visibly fallen into a state of senile decay which physicians do not believe can last till March. His hold on life at best is a matter of months.

WEXFORD, November 26th.
John Redmond, leader of the Parnellite body, in addressing a meeting here to-day, said the Parnellites were denounced by the opponents as factionists, yet both the adherents of Dillon and Healy had made overtures to the Parnellite party. The Healy faction wanted to smash the Dillon men; the latter, in turn, were eager to destroy Healy's following.

LONDON, November 26th.
A German magazine publishes a summary of the autumn maneuvers of the armies of Europe. No less than 1,300,000 men were called into service. More than 60,000,000 cartridges were fired and 10,000,000 expended.

St. Petersburg, November 26th.
Hungary mobilized the largest army, there being nearly 250,000 men in the field. Russia called out 216,000, Germany 160,000, Spain 170,000, Italy 145,000, England 70,000, France 25,000, Roumania 32,000, Holland 18,000, Belgium 35,000 and Switzerland 50,000.

Stormy weather and heavy snow in many places, is the weather record for the week. The season has been favorable to crops, which are looking well. In wheat there is no selling pressure or demand and small prices were quoted. In the lower favor, fluctuations in the American markets have but little influence. The Russian crop estimates are considered inflated. There was a good demand for Russian wheat at low prices. Californians were prompt at 27-30.

A dispatch to the Times from Teheran says that 2,000 persons perished in an earthquake at Kuchan. Ten thousand bodies have already been recovered and 200 are still in the ruins. Fifty thousand cattle have been destroyed so far. The shocks still continue.

BERLIN, November 26th.
The King has refused to accept the resignations of the Cabinet.

NEW YORK, November 27th.
The Paris correspondent of the Herald cable: Princess Colonna, daughter of Mrs. John W. Mackay, has applied for separation from Prince Ferdinand Galati Colonna, and for the custody of her three children, Andrea, 8, Blanca, 6, and Marco, 4 years.

The marriage took place in Paris in 1883. Mgr. Dineux, papal nuncio to France, officiated at the religious ceremony which was one of the social events of the season.

Two years before the marriage Prince Colonna met Mrs. Mackay's daughter, then Miss Bryant, in Italy. He followed her to Paris and asked Mrs. Mackay for her hand. She replied: "I don't approve of my marrying a foreigner. Moreover, don't be deceived, she is not Mrs. Mackay's child, but his daughter. She has no money of her own, therefore she has no dot. She is my daughter by my first husband, but she takes Mr. Mackay's name at his request."

The Prince persisted and his uncle Prince Stigliano Colonna, wrote in his behalf, saying that money was of no consequence as it was a love match.

Mrs. Mackay eventually gave way. The bride was married without dot or settlement, but Mrs. Mackay allowed her an income of \$75,000 a year, besides giving her many valuable jewels.

The Prince and his bride went to Naples. Six months after the marriage the Prince began demanding money of his wife. She then discovered that he had a taste for gambling, horse-racing and a fast life. She bore his abuse, taunts and vulgarities until October last, when she left him in Paris, and took her three children, to the Hotel Brighton, where her grandmother, Mrs. Hungerford, was staying. Mrs. Mackay has since that time come on from Scotland to her daughter's aid.

The Herald's correspondent saw an intimate friend of the family yesterday, who said: "Prince Colonna and Mrs. Mackay have not spoken for years. No one would believe the enormous sum Mr. Mackay has paid for the Prince's gambling debts—over 1,000,000 francs in five years, apart from the allowance he made his stepdaughter. He also gave her money to furnish their home. All went in gambling. When his wife left her apartments the Prince sold all the tapestries and furniture, and is now living on the proceeds. He frequently said to his wife: 'I will take your American independence out of you.' She replied: 'You may if you kill me.' The friend who told me the above added that such a long-suffering and devoted wife as the Princess was never known. Finally she lost all respect for her husband and determined to leave him. The only time they have since met was during the preliminary proceedings in court."

John Mackay has written to his daughter: "I am glad you have taken this step. People will talk, of course, but you do not live to please other people and need not care what any one says, as long as you are happy and free."

The case comes on shortly. The Prince and his mother are living quietly in adjoining apartments at the Hotel Brighton in this city, and refuse all social invitations. Mrs. Mackay, however, expects to attend the wedding of Miss Adele Grant and the Earl of Essex in London.

ROME, November 27th.
In the highest and most reserved circles it is said to be well known that the present dream of the Vatican is the establishment of a Federal Italian republic. This idea is the only real explanation of the extraordinary language lately adopted by the Vatican organs in speaking of the mission of

France and Russia with relation to the Papacy. The Vatican has formally denied the report that Mr. Stott is to be made a Cardinal and that his successor as papal delegate to the United States has been named. The Vatican also denies that there is any truth in the alarming report circulated about the Pope's health.

A papal encyclical will be issued to-night on skepticism regarding the Bible. The encyclical contains instructions with a view to establishing the authenticity of the Bible by the study of ancient languages, monuments and modern science.

GLASGOW, November 27th.
The new four-master *Bakama*, on her first voyage to New York, was abandoned during the recent gales. The steamship *State of Nebraska* rescued the crew.

LONDON, November 27th.
Intelligence has been received that the captain and a majority of the crew of the ship *Mendocino*, which sailed near Martinique, died of fever. The few left were unable to navigate her and she sank. Only four of the crew were rescued.

NEW YORK, November 28th.
In court to-day the suit of Seaton versus the estate of the late Abingdon Bird, the well-known English sporting man, was called for hearing. Seaton, a frequenter of races, brought suit against the estate to recover the sum of \$75,000, which was said to be the unpaid balance of a consideration of \$125,000 which Bird promised to pay the plaintiff for quietly recovering the horse named the amount of \$35,000, alleged to have been stolen from Bird by a lady with whom the Squire had relations.

As soon as the jury was sworn in a conference between counsel was held, and later Sir Henry James announced that an arrangement had been made satisfactory to both parties. The proceedings were then closed. Among those notified in the vicinity during the conference between the counsel was Mrs. Langtry. The *Westminster Gazette* adds that from the jubilation with which Mrs. Langtry received the news of the settlement it may be presumed that the terms were not unsatisfactory to her.

Sydney Buxton, Parliamentary Secretary of the Colonial Office, said that Lord Aberdeen, Governor-General of Canada, had telegraphed that the attempt to blow up the Nelson monument in Montreal was the work of three ex-convicts, and that the outrage was a subject of regret and disapproval on the part of the entire French and English press of Canada.

Mrs. Mackay, Chief Secretary for Ireland, has had a relapse. He is suffering from influenza. Sir John Drummond Hay, ex-Minister to Morocco, is dead.

The steamship *Sir John Hawkins*, from Gibraltar for Liverpool, is supposed to have foundered with her crew of twenty-five.

NEW YORK, November 28th.
A cable to the Herald from Liverpool says: The *Courier* prints the following: The Duchess of Marlborough, formerly Mrs. Hammerley of New York, will shortly be married to Hugh M. MacMahon, the well-known sportsman, and one of the richest men in England.

Mr. MacMahon is owner of the horse *Isinglass*, which won the Derby this year, and he also owns many of the best race-horses in England. He has just completed the construction of a race-course at Chelvey, and races will be held there this week. Mr. MacMahon inherited a large fortune from his uncle.

ST. PETERSBURG, November 28th.
The Russian sugar manufacturers have decided to export 4,000,000 pounds between now and March.

TEHERAN, November 28th.
The official reports of the earthquake at Kuchan state that 7,000 persons and 50,000 animals perished.

BERLIN, November 28th.
The Reichsarchiv announce that Mexico has adopted further definite measures to secure the system of the foreign loans of 1888 and 1890. The Mexican Government has concluded a new 6 per cent loan with the National Bank of Mexico and the Reichsarchiv for 2,000,000, the payment of which is secured by a lien of 10 per cent on the export duties. The loan will be issued in January.

MONTREAL, November 28th.
The three young French Canadians who conspired to blow up the Nelson monument were arraigned in the Police Court this afternoon. Ex-Premier Meier and other leading lawyers appeared for the prisoners. The prisoners entered a plea of not guilty. Meier, who appeared for his son, obtained a postponement of the trial till Saturday. It is reported that the leading witnesses against the conspirators have been induced to leave the country.

LONDON, November 29th.
A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Rio de Janeiro says that Admiral Mello has left Rio with several of his wisest war vessels, in order to intercept the new ships which are on their way to reinforce President Peixoto. This dispatch adds that intense excitement prevails at Rio de Janeiro, and it is believed that a great naval battle will shortly be fought off the Brazilian coast.

BUENOS AYRES, November 29th.
A dispatch from Rio states that the insurgents have captured the town of Curitiba, State of Sao Paulo.

MILAN, November 29th.
The train which left this city for Venice ran into a heavy freight train standing at Treviglio, causing a frightful wreck. The trains caught fire and added to the horrors of the catastrophe. It is said that thirty-five persons were killed. Thirteen bodies have already been taken from the wreck. Twenty wounded were brought here for treatment.

A relief train has gone to the scene.

CARDIFF, November 29th.
The conference of the National Conservative Union, which was held at Cardiff, was opened by a prayer and a resolution was passed demanding from the Government a fresh programme and asserting the absolute necessity of maintaining the supremacy of England on the seas.

Replying to a toast at luncheon, Lord Salisbury said: "Gladstone, when in difficulties, always sought more power by setting some class against his neighbor. Gladstone complains that the House of Lords is all on one side but it was not always so. The phenomenon is coincident with the period during which Gladstone has been leader of the Liberals. Gladstone's political career shows him stepping from one inclination to a disunion of classes to another and similar inclination, and as long he is in need of majorities he will pursue this aim and will continue to find new causes to set Englishmen against their neighbors. That is the complaint I have to make against the legislation now before Parliament. Conservative Government do not differ with the Government regarding principle, but in regard to the treatment which simply encourages the antipathy of one class to another."

BERLIN, November 30th.
A private telegram to the *Vossische Zeitung* says that the Russian Government recently ordered the closing of a Catholic church at Kroschke. Hearing of the order the members of the congregation flocked to the church and remained night and day to prevent the order being carried out. One night a force of troops under the Governor of Kroschke entered the church, and with words attacked the people, killing twenty within the edifice and wounding over 100. A large number fled and were pursued by Cossacks, and were drowned while attempting to escape by swimming across a river.

MADRID, November 30th.
The Spanish newspaper of *Sargasso* in

suppressed. A bomb was found in the Church of the Templars at Madrid.

DUBLIN, November 29th.
A number of American gun and revolver cartridges were found in a lane leading from the quays. It appears the plotters were armed and are hiding themselves of explosives, fearing raids.

LONDON, November 29th.
A dispatch to the *Chronicle* from Milan says that forty-three persons were killed and 183 injured by the collision. It is stated that the majority of the killed and injured were emigrants going to America.

Schell and Floyd, who robbed the Bank of Minneapolis of \$50,000, admitted their guilt in court to-day, and expressed a desire to return to America. The magistrate committed them for extradition.

Mrs. John W. Mackay has left her residence in Carlton House Terrace and gone to Paris to be with her daughter Princess Colonna, who has commenced legal proceedings with a view of securing a separation from her husband, Prince Colonna. An intimate friend of the Mackay family, whose name is withheld by special request, confirms the report of the cause which led the Princess to seek a separation. This friend says the case will soon be heard at Paris and that the Princess charges Prince Colonna with numerous acts of adultery, in addition to general profligacy. There is not the slightest charge of any kind made against the Princess, whose course meets with general approval and sympathy.

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T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.
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JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
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HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

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F. JERRARD,
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